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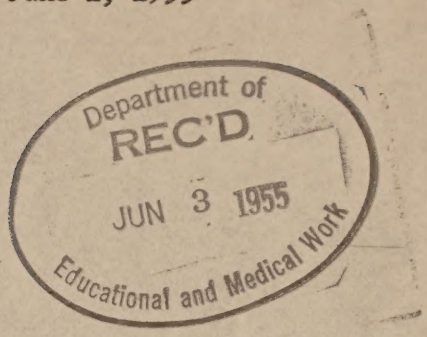

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

I have your letter of May 27 suggesting a meeting to discuss proposed harbor projects at Sitka and Haines.

I expect to stay in Washington until June 15 at least, and will be pleased to see you at almost any time if given a little advance notice.

You can call me at the Interior Department, Republic 7-1820, Extension 2349, or at the Washington Hotel, Metropolitan 8-5900, Room 539.

Sincerely yours,

B. Frank Heintzleman
Governor

BURKE RILEY
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
HAINES, ALASKA

June 1, 1955

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
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Board of National Missions of
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156 Fifth Avenue
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Dear Miss Gladfelter:

Since receipt of your letter of May 26th I have talked with Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong and Mr. Allan Frank at Haines House in the thought that some clarification of the boat harbor proposal might be had locally.

With reference to the second paragraph of your letter I should appreciate your comment as to current Board thinking with respect to the leasing of a portion of the Mission's water front strip for a twenty year term. I did not take part in last year's negotiations in this respect and, fo r obvious reasons, the Council's thinking has shifted meanwhile toward the more favorable Territorial legislation on the subject. Your mention of a 20 year lease, however, suggests a remote possibility of solution if an appreciable linear measure of water front were available on that basis.

To comment briefly on some of the other points enumerated in your letter:

(1) In my somewhat extensive conversations with both APW and representatives of Territorial agencies concerned I recall no expression of preference by them as to site, and believe that a misapprehension exists as to that. Instead, it is my memory that both APW and the Territory have declined to take a position on what they felt must necessarily be a local decision. Only after the community has acquired a site for the purpose will formal application be entertained for project construction. If at that time the site proposed were found unsuitable for engineering reasons, APW would properly raise the question.

(2) Related to the last paragraph above, I assume you refer to consultatio ns between Board representatives, Territory and APW. Consultation between community, APW and Territory has been underway for some months in this respect. Preliminary survey and soundings provided the basis in part for the community's site preference. Mayor Lewis' letter of May 9, 1955 set forth the position of Territory and APW as to engineering work in a quotation from Alaska's Superintendent of Public Works.

(3) If Haines is to develop it must be assumed that there will be increasing evidence of commercial pursuits in the area. That the Mission property happens to lie within the community is, from that standpoint perhaps, unfortunate. I fail to see partic-

ular basis for your reference to undesirable elements incident to a boat harbor, and suggest in that respect that police protection and supervision would be there available; and I am sure that the Council would be pleased to consider the Board's views in drafting a zoning ordinance for that area. I cannot, however, visualize danger to children at Haines House, or to the institution itself, by virtue of a boat harbor's pro jecting 400' into the bay. In all deference to your position I do not believe that children in coastal Alaska may profit by complete isolation from anything so basic to their lives as fishing boats, transportation, or the people so engaged.

(4) Alaska has some 30,000 miles of coastline and the proposed location of itself and in present condition would seem to constitute but minimal tourist attraction. On the other hand, a boat harbor wherein is concentrated the color and atmosphere of this area's economy would have positive collateral value as a tourist attraction. Reverend Armstrong mentioned that the children occasionally held picnics on the beach. Without too great familiarity with beach conditions, I do not believe that the proposed project would prevent such activity.

(5) Although we may apply different criteria as to damage feared for Board holdings through such construction, it would seem to me that such a project might well enhance Board holdings; and that it should be a source of considerable satisfaction to the sponsors of Haines House in terms of the general welfare of this area. I do not believe that anyone has proposed that the site be transferred as a gift.

One consideration not earlier mentioned is the substantially greater cost of acquiring property on which businesses, residences and other structures now exist. North of Main Street that situation, coupled with Native land ownerships, would be both time consuming and costly to resolve.

I enclose earlier mentioned surveyor's description of the Mission waterfront area sought, which is believed to be less than one acre in area.

Mr. Allen advised me yesterday that Miss Florence Goddard would be in Haines on June 8th, and it is my hope that she may meet with the Council at that time.

Thanking you for your consideration hereof, I am

Very truly yours,

Burke Riley

Burke Riley

Encl.

6/17

June 7, 1955

My dear Dr. Armstrong:

This is to follow up the carbon copy of my letter of May 26 to Mr. Riley about the proposed small boat harbor at Haines.

Should we take any further steps at present or just "sit tight" on the basis of the assurance in your letter of May 4 to Mr. Frank that "here the Haines House site is virtually out"?

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong
Box 2539
4 Behrends Avenue
Juneau, Alaska

KEG:tc
cc: Mr. Frank

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SITKA, ALASKA

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June 3, 1955

Miss Katharine Gladfelter
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

Mr. Crittenden and his two engineers have come and gone. They were here at a very auspicious time.

1 The water contract with the City of Sitka and the U. S. Health Service, replacing the Alaska Native Service, has to be negotiated again. It was very helpful for Mr. Sparling, the electrical engineer, to be in on the preliminary discussion. I told the government that I did not think that you would be willing to sign until we had the electrical report in from Mr. Crittenden.

2 The Sitka Planning Commission also met. We attended and Mr. Crittenden gave them a few suggestions about city planning in general. We expressed some concern about the small boat harbor being located in the Crescent (I had previously given Mr. Crittenden your letter to read). So our concern is now officially made known. In any event, we expressed the positive need for a plan for our pipe line and for our tail race from the hydro plant.

3 We also brought up the matter of the proposed widening of Jeff Davis St. The city plans eventually to pave this street, but it is not to become an arterial street as was once proposed. The committee suggested that it would improve traffic problems if we would allow the corners to be rounded off at each end of the street. It would mean that a small triangular piece of land fifteen feet on the side of the triangle would be needed by the city.

When this proposal comes I would suggest that we give these parcels to the City to show our good faith in the progress of the City. However in the matter of the boat harbor location, we already have several members on the Planning Commission who see our point of view.

2 It might be wise to have Mr. Crittenden interview Colonel Farrel and Mr. Moates of the United States Army Engineers in Anchorage on the boat harbor location in Sitka.

In His Service,

Roland B. Wurster

R. B. Wurster
President

RBW:PWL

HAINES COMMON COUNCIL

HAINES, ALASKA

3 June 1955

Town of Haines--Small Boat Harbor

Description:

A strip of land in the North East Corner of U. S. Survey No. 735, 600 ft. long and between the East right of way line of the present beach road and the mean high tide line of Portage Cove. More fully described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at United States Land Monument No. 573, which is also Corner No. 1, of U. S. Survey 735. Thence North 80 degrees 52½' west 44.2 ft. on North line of said survey to center line of present beach road; said road has no right of way deed, but should be 60 ft. wide with 30 ft. being on either side of center line.

Thence South 4 degrees-25' ft. East, 600 ft. distance along center line of said road.

Thence South 80 degrees, 52½' East, a distance to East right of way of said road.

Thence South 80 degrees, 52½' ft. East to mean high tide line of Portage Cove.

Thence in North westerly direction along mean high tide line to intersection of North line of U. S. Survey No. 735.

Thence North 80 degrees, 52½' West to U. S. L. M. No. 573, place of beginning.

All in U. S. Survey No. 735, being beach ground containing 1 acre, more or less.

William Muncaster

June 6, 1955

Governor B. Frank Heintzleman
c/o Office of Territories
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Heintzleman:

This is just a note to follow up my telephone call earlier in the day and say that I am looking forward to seeing you on Friday, June 10 in Washington.

As you suggested, I will telephone you from the station on my arrival a little before one o'clock. I shall also bring with me any material relative to the proposed small boat harbors for Sitka and Haines which I am eager to discuss with you.

I may have some word for you by Friday on a new Medical Mission on the West Coast. You may have heard from Dr. Albrecht that one of our doctors, Dr. Robert Starr, who has been studying surgery this past year, visited Alaska recently and is interested in going to Klawock under Board auspices to replace Dr. McClenny. Dr. Starr will be here tomorrow for conferences in which we hope to clear final details.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

KEG:md
Blind cc: Mr. Wurster
Dr. Armstrong

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U.S. ARMY
Office of The District Engineer
ALASKA DISTRICT
Anchorage, Alaska

Refer to file no. NPACW-M

COPY

June 6, 1955

Honorable B. Frank Heintzleman
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Governor Heintzleman:

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With respect to the situation at Sitka, the Corps of Engineers has no particular preference as to location of a small boat harbor. It is pointed out, however, that the site shown on map attached to your letter had previously been considered and found to be unsuitable. This site is discussed in Paragraph 38 of House Document No. 744, 79th Congress, 2d Session, which is inclosed for your information. Other locations which have been considered are also discussed therein.

On 23 May 1955 an inspection party consisting of Colonel L.H. Foote, Division Engineer, Mr. Harold L. Moats of this office, and the undersigned, visited Sitka and discussed this project with a number of local people. We were informed that the community had recently been canvassed to determine the desires of the people concerning the location of a small boat harbor. It appears that there was some local concern regarding the possibility of the creation of an unsightly area between the present road and the proposed small boat harbor in Crescent Bay. We were informed that the City Council had passed an ordinance reserving this area for a parkway and that all local objections to the location of the small boat basin in Crescent Bay had been withdrawn. It is believed that the action of the City Council in creating a parkway to protect the area from unsightly development will prove satisfactory.

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Honorable B. Frank Heintzleman

If there are further objections from local interests, it might be well to point out that in order to move the proposed small boat harbor to another location it will be necessary that Congress direct a review of reports, the processing of which will take considerable time.

It is hoped that the information furnished herein will be of value to you in your conversations with the people of Sitka.

Sincerely yours, 033904

CARL Y. FARRELL
Colonel, CE
District Engineer

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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JUNE 7, 1955

MISS FLORENCE M. GODDARD
HAINES HOUSE
HAINES, ALASKA

LETTER FROM BURKE RILEY EXPRESSES HOPE YOU MEET WITH COUNCIL JUNE 8 ON BOAT HARBOR PROPOSAL. THIS IS DANGEROUS AND ANY EXPRESSION OF OPINION MUST BE AVOIDED.

KATHARINE E. GLADFELTER

KEG:MD

Department of Educational and Medical Work

June 8, 1955

Other Property Matters

Haines House, Haines, Alaska

THAT whereas the revised plans of the city of Haines, Alaska for a small boat harbor now call for the outright acquisition of practically the entire beach front property of Haines House instead of the limited access area which the Board approved leasing to the city in February 3 and 4, 1954, that the Board notify the city that before considering this new plan there must be consult,tion with agencies in the territory which are involved and that more specific information about the proposed layout in relation to the Board's property must be secured.

MEMORANDUM TO THE CABINET OF THE DIVISION OF MISSIONARY OPERATION

From: Department of Educational and Medical Work

Date: June 8, 1955

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Original wording approved

on the basis of the limited information available it does not favor the sale of the beach front for the project.

Cabinet Action:

Sec. _____ Date _____

Department of Educational and Medical Work

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June 9, 1955

Mr. Burke Riley
Attorney-at-Law
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Riley:

The enclosed copy of our letter of June 9 to Mayor Owen I. Lewis will answer your letter of June 1.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

KEG:md
cc: Dr. Armstrong
Mr. Frank
Mr. Tribus

Enc.

June 9, 1955

Mayor Owen I. Lewis
Haines Common Council
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Lewis:

The request of the Haines Common Council for the acquisition of approximately [redacted] feet of the beach front property of Haines House in Haines was presented to the Board of National Missions at its meeting on June 9.

As indicated in recent correspondence with you and with Mr. Burke Riley, the Board felt that this new proposal which calls for the outright acquisition of practically the entire beach front of the Board's holdings differs radically from the original proposal which the Board approved in February, 1954, and which called for a twenty-year lease of a limited access area.

Naturally, a number of questions were raised about the new proposal in relation to the Board's property and also in relation to preliminary surveys which we understand have been made by Governmental and Territorial representatives. Since this information was not available the Board decided on the basis of the limited facts before it that it would not approve the sale of the beach front tract and our Department was requested to write you accordingly.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

KEG:md
cc: Mr. Tribus
Dr. Armstrong
Mr. Frank
Mr. Riley

June 10, 1955.

1954 River and Harbor Act

House Document No. 501, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session, approves the U.S.E.D. River and Harbor Report for S. E. Alaska.

On page 80 of this report the statement is made with respect to the Haines Small Boat Harbor project that "the benefits are far from justifying the cost of the boat harbor." Therefore the Haines Boat Harbor was not recommended by the Engineers or approved by Congress.

B. Frank Heintzleman
Governor of Alaska

Given to Miss Gladstetter
Confidentially by Gov. Heintzleman
in Washington 6-10-55

LBW

June 10, 1955

My dear Mr. Crittenden:

This note is to accompany the enclosed copy of our letter to Mr. Wurster and say that we shall be happy to have you interview Colonel Farrel and Mr. Moates as suggested relative to the boat harbor location in Sitka.

As you know from our recent letter which Mr. Wurster showed you, we are very much opposed to the proposed location in the Cresent. We understand that another location has been considered, and if so would be glad to have information about it.

If any of the information which you can secure would be confidential in nature, in other words if the individuals would not wish to be quoted, we would of course understand this and act accordingly.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

Mr. Edwin Crittenden
1565 F Street
Anchorage, Alaska

KEG:md
Dictated by Miss Gladfelter
but signed in her absence

Enc.

June 10, 1955

My dear Mr. Wurster:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 3 giving us a preliminary report on the visit of Mr. Crittenden and his two engineers, and sharing the news that their visit came at a very auspicious time.

We have understood that the water contract will have to be renewed, and so are quoting the second paragraph of your letter to Mr. Tribus. You were entirely right, of course, in telling the Government representatives in your conference with them that the Board would not be willing to enter into a new agreement until we have the electrical report from Mr. Crittenden.

We are glad to see that you and Mr. Crittenden were able to attend the meeting of the Sitka Planning Commission and to record our concern over the proposed location of the small boat harbor in the Crescent. Your suggestion that Mr. Crittenden interview Colonel Farrel and Mr. Montes of the U. S. Army Engineers in Anchorage on the boat harbor location is a good one, and so we are writing him about this.

Relative to the proposed widening of Jeff Davis Street, it is a great relief to know that while the City plans eventually to pave the street the idea of making it an arterial street has been dropped. The inquiry as to whether the Board would clear enough land to allow the corners at each end to be rounded off seems to be a reasonable one, and I believe that the Board would consider such a proposal favorable if and when received.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

Mr. Roland P. Wurster
Sheldon Jackson Junior College
Sitka, Alaska

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Dictated by Miss Gladfelter
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cc: Mr. Tribus
Mr. Crittenden
Dr. Armstrong

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U.S. ARMY
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Anchorage, Alaska

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C O P Y

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Sincerely yours, 033904

CARL Y. FARRELL
Colonel, CE
District Engineer

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June 15, 1955

Mayor Owen T. Lewis
Haines Common Council
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Lewis:

In our letter of June 9 about the proposed Small Boat Harbor in Haines we referred to preliminary surveys which we understood had been made by Governmental and Territorial representatives.

We have now received some additional information which indicates that a river and harbor report for Southeastern Alaska was made to the House of Representatives of the United States Congress in 1954. We understand that this report contains a reference to the Haines project but that no recommendation for the project was made since the benefits to be derived were not considered sufficient to justify the cost.

This information will be presented to our Board and will we know confirm their judgment that the beachfront property of Haines House should not be sold for use in the proposed project.

Very sincerely yours,

Katherine F. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

KFG:cmh
cc: Mr. Tribus
Mr. Armstrong
Mr. Frank
Mr. Riley

June 15, 1955

The Honorable B. Frank Heintzleman
Office of Territories
Department of Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor Heintzleman:

We have made copies of Colonel Farrell's letter to you of June 6 which you loaned to me last Friday, and I am now returning the original.

May I thank you again, in sending this, for your personal interest in the proposals for Sitka and Haines which involve the Board of National Missions and for your very helpful advice. I also greatly appreciated personally your invitation to luncheon and thoroughly enjoyed our visit over the luncheon table.

As I promised, I am considering the suggestions which you made off-the-record, but am sure that they will be very helpful to us.

Cordially yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

KEG:md
Enc.

CONFIDENTIAL

June 15, 1955

My dear Mr. Crittenden:

This is to follow up my letter of June 10 suggesting an interview with Colonel Farrell and Mr. Moates relative to the proposed boat harbor location in Sitka.

Since writing you I have had an off-the-record but very helpful conference with Governor Heintzleman in Washington during which he showed me a copy of a letter from Colonel Farrell. The Governor loaned me this letter so that we might have copies made, and I am now enclosing one for your information. I am also sending a blind copy of our letter to Colonel Farrell.

I am sure you will appreciate the reason for my making this follow up letter confidential. I believe that Governor Heintzleman is very genuine in his desire to be helpful and we do not want to risk embarrassing him in any way.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

Mr. Edwin Crittenden
1565 F Street
Anchorage, Alaska

KEG:md
Encs.: Copy of Colonel Farrell's letter to Governor Heintzleman
Copy of Miss Gladfelter's letter to Colonel Farrell

cc: Dr. Armstrong
Mr. Wurster
Mr. Tribus

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June 15, 1955

Colonel Carl Y. Farrell
Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army
Office of the District Engineer
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Colonel Farrell:

During the course of a conference with Governor Heintzleman of Alaska the end of last week, the Governor shared with me your letter to him of June 6 relative to the proposed small boat harbor in Sitka.

I was especially interested in the reference in the fourth paragraph of the letter to the effect that "all local objections to the location of the small boat basin in Crescent Bay had been withdrawn." We have not been close to the local situation and only learned a month or so ago of this project. Our Board is definitely not in favor of the proposed location since we feel that it would be very harmful in relation to the location of our Sheldon Jackson Junior College and our plans for the development of the institution. We are planning, therefore, to write the local representatives in Sitka to register this objection.

Since I know the Sitka area and I am familiar with Jamestown Bay which might also be available, I am wondering what the objections are to the use of this location. I realize that being farther from town this site might a few years ago have seemed less desirable. However, with the probability of the pulp mill beyond Jamestown Bay the site would seem very desirable.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

KEG:md
Blind cc: Mr. Crittenden
Mr. Wurster
Dr. Armstrong
Mr. Tribus

6/24

June 15, 1955

My dear Mr. Wurster:

The enclosed copies of correspondence about the small boat harbor location in Sitka are self-explanatory.

Will you now please let me have by return mail the names of the persons in Sitka to whom we should write to register our opposition to the proposed location in the Cresent?

As Governor Heintzleman mentioned in his letter to you, he is not in favor of this location but, as he indicated, he does not wish to be quoted on the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Cladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

Mr. Roland B. Wurster
Sheldon Jackson Junior College
Sitka, Alaska

KEC:md
cc: Dr. Armstrong

BURKE RILEY
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
HAINES, ALASKA

June 18, 1955

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
Board of National Missions of
The Presbyterian Church in
The United States of America
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New York 10, New York

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Educational and Medical Work

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

Copies of your letters of June 9th and 15th addressed to former Mayor Owen I. Lewis, together with transmittal of June 9th to me, have been received. I am at a loss to understand how your correspondence of June 9th is in any way responsive to mine of June 1st, as stated.

Concerning your above referenced letter of June 15th, please allow me to suggest that the Board, in relying upon the report which you cite, has failed to distinguish between proposals which have no relationship whatever, one to the other. Parenthetically, the same may be said as concerns Board reference from time to time to an earlier proposal from the Town of Haines. That proposal, of a year or more ago, is in no way related to the current p roposal.

The Council and community generally were keenly disappointed by inability to meet with Miss Florence Goddard earlier this week during her stay in Haines. It had been hoped, and suggested, that her visit would afford an opportunity for more nearly direct communicatio n of community position to the Board of National Missions.

Sincerely yours,

SHELDON JACKSON JUNIOR COLLEGE

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Educational and Medical Work

June 20, 1955 SITKA, ALASKA

Miss Katharine Gladfelter
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

Your letter of June 15th asking for the names of local citizens who should be contacted regarding the Board's point of view about the small boat harbor in Crescent is at hand.

I believe it would be wise to write the same letter to:

Mr. Robert Wyman
Chairman Boat Harbor Committee
Sitka City Council

Mr. Joe Ashby
Chairman Boat Harbor Committee
Sitka Chamber of Commerce

Mr. George Beacom
Chairman Sitka Planning Commission

I believe it would be wise to stress the point that we feel that a small boat harbor is needed in Sitka but thought it should be located in a place where the growth of all aspects of the city's life would not be hindered, including Sheldon Jackson's expansion.

You might also mention the Jamestown Bay site and the fact that it is close to the pulp mill.

Very truly yours,

Roland B. Wurster

R. B. Wurster
President

RBW:PWL

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New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

Reference is made to your letter of 15 June 1955 concerning the proposed small boat harbor at Sitka, Alaska.

The people of Sitka have been active for many years attempting to secure a small boat harbor to protect its fishing fleet. As you know, the Corps of Engineers, in the Civil Works program, acts only as directed by Congress. The Committee on Rivers and Harbors of the House of Representatives, in 1941, directed the Corps of Engineers to make a review of reports on the Sitka Harbor. This review report is contained in House Document No. 744, 79th Congress, 2d Session, and recommends a small boat harbor in Crescent Bay. This project was authorized by Congress on 2 March 1945.

If it is the desire of the people of Sitka to have the small boat harbor in any other location than the presently approved Crescent Bay site, it will be necessary that they, through the territorial representative, request the Congress to direct a further re-examination of Sitka Harbor with a view to locating the small boat basin at some other point. Upon such direction by Congress, and depending upon the availability of funds for the preparation of such a report, the Corps of Engineers would hold another public hearing in Sitka to determine the present desires of local interests, conduct an engineering and economic study of the proposed location, and submit findings to Congress for further action. If these findings substantiate the construction of a small boat harbor at some other location desired by local interests, the present project might be deleted and a small boat harbor at a new location authorized, after which the necessary request for funds for construction would be initiated and, ultimately, construction funds would probably be provided by Congress.

As you can well see, these various actions are extremely time-consuming and would undoubtedly amount to a minimum of four to five years' delay in the construction of a small boat harbor at Sitka.

NPAGW-M
Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter

The above mentioned review report which recommended the Crescent Bay site also considered a site in the northwest portion of Jamestown Bay, but found that it was not satisfactory because of exposure to southerly storms from which protection is impracticable.

Another alternate site behind Cannon Island was considered to be reasonably satisfactory, but with several disadvantages such as the lack of fresh water supply and electric power. The prime disadvantage, however, was that it lay outside the municipality, and the city, therefore, could not expend funds to operate and maintain the necessary facilities. After considering the various points, and discussion with local people, it was at that time determined that the Crescent Bay site would be most advantageous.

The Corps of Engineers acts in these Civil Works matters only as an agent of the people, presenting their desires to Congress together with the required technical advice to enable Congress to make a final decision in the matter.

It is hoped that this information will assist you in your plans for the future development of the Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

Sincerely yours,

CARL Y. FARRELL
Colonel, CE
District Engineer

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SITKA HARBOR

Sitka Harbor is a natural protected waterway between the town on the north and a series of islands on the south and west, of which Japonski Island is the largest. The original project provided for widening and straightening the existing channel to the north of Harbor Rock to a bottom width of 150 feet and a depth of 22 feet, and the removal of Indian Rock. This work was completed in 1937 at a cost of $64,797. Two additional projects were adopted, one, in 1937, provided for a small boat basin with a protecting breakwater in Japonski Island lagoon, and the other, adopted in 1940, provided for breakwaters between Japonski, Harbor, and Aleutski Islands. No work was done on either project as military construction on the islands interferred with both plans. A modification adopted in 1945 in lieu of the preceding plans authorized the dredging of a small boat basin 13 acres in area to a depth of 10 feet in Crescent Bay and construction of two protective breakwaters. The estimate of cost for new work, revised in 1952, is $820,300. Completion of this project is subject to appropriation of funds by Congress. The average annual tonnage handled at the Port of Sitka for the years 1936 through 1951 was 80,115 tons. The total tonnage of commodities increased from 21,981 tons during the calendar year 1936 to 89,480 tons during the calendar year 1951. A report submitted December 1949 recommended that the present authorized project be modified to include the dredging of the Forest Service Basin and approach, to a depth of 10 feet, at an estimated cost of $32,560.

7/15

June 22, 1955

Mr. Burke Riley
Attorney-At-Law
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Riley:

We are sorry to learn from your letter of June 16 that the copy of our letter of June 9 to Mayor Lewis did not seem "responsive" to yours of June 1.

The Board's reply to the latest proposal for a small harbor in Haines went naturally to the Mayor and it seemed to us that the simplest and most direct way to inform you of the action was to send you a copy of the reply. It did not seem necessary to answer point by point the comments in your letter. They were considered but the basic decision was against the disposition of the beach front as the Board felt that it had already shown its sincere interest in the development of Haines by outright and substantial grants of land, and that the fact that another site for the harbor might be more difficult to secure did not outweigh the possibility that a commercial development so close to our children's home could make its continued location there untenable.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

KEG:md
cc: Mr. Tribus
Dr. Armstrong
Mr. Frank

P. S. Mr. Frank: We are sending two copies of this letter in case you wish to share one with Mayor Lewis.

The Challenge of Christian Living

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
DEPARTMENT OF WORK IN ALASKA

THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, D. D.
SECRETARY
156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

THE REV. R. ROLLAND ARMSTRONG, D. D.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BOX 2539, JUNEAU, ALASKA

Department of
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Educational and Medical Work

Miss K. Rockefeller -

This is a general letter -

1- There is nothing moreon the discussion with Mr. Olson of AMS.

2- The word is that the Council at Haines is upset & may probably bring condemnation Proceeding on the water front -

3 Summer students at H. H a very good crop & hard at work -

Ace for now

Army

HAINES COMMON COUNCIL

HAINES, ALASKA

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June 25, 1955

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work
Board of National Missions of
the Presbyterian Church in
the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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In the thought that such proceedings may be avoided, however, the Council has suggested that one further effort be made to interest the Board in putting a price on the land.

Your advices in this respect will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Thomas A. Ward

Acting Mayor

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Mr. Tribus

FROM Miss Gladfelter

RE:

DATE June 27, 1955

I shall appreciate it if you will read the attached draft of a letter and then telephone me about it.

Would you be willing to join in signing this with the understanding that the same communication will also be sent to Mr. Ashley of the Sitka Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Beacom of the Sitka Planning Commission? Mr. Wurster has supplied the names of these three men as the persons to whom we should write to record our opposition to the proposed site for the boat harbor.

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Katharine E. Gladfelter

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KEG:tc

June 21, 1955

Mr. Joe Ashby
Chairman Boat Harbor Committee
Sitka Chamber of Commerce
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Mr. Ashby:

We are writing relative to the small boat harbor proposed for Sitka about which we have learned recently through Mr. Roland D. Worster, President of Sheldon Jackson Jr. College.

May we say first of all that we both have visited Sitka and are well acquainted with the community and that we realize that the present boat harbor is crowded and that additional space is certainly needed. We know that the city is growing and are entirely in sympathy with the very natural desire to secure expanded facilities. At the same time, we feel that when a new boat harbor is provided, it is important that it be located in a place where the growth of all aspects of the city's life will not be hindered, including the expansion of the Board's institution, Sheldon Jackson Jr. College.

We understand that the proposal for a boat harbor has been under consideration for some years, but it has never been before our Board as we seem to have had no earlier report on the discussions. We are writing now, therefore, to speak for the Board and to register objection to the site under consideration b ecause of the great disadvantage, in fact the very serious damage which we feel would be done to Sheldon Jackson Jr. College if the boat harbor is located in Crescent Bay.

Sheldon Jackson was, as you know, one of the early constructive influences established in Sitka after the purchase of Alaska from Russia. The school and the hall have grown with the community and with the Territory until it now represents a substantial investment in buildings, equipment, and property and serves the Interior as well as Southeastern Alaska. Furthermore, the Board is this year raising funds in the States and in Alaska to expand the facilities by creating a Junior College Curriculum and a Student Union looking toward the development of the Junior College Department and its accreditation.

The whole campus has been laid out with the Crescent as its focus. Furthermore, the school has had the unhindered use of the beach in front of the campus since 1878 and this area is used regularly as a spillway for the hydro-electric plant at the school, an access for the installation of the annual oil supply for the school, and as a

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log haul for the saw mill which provides lumber for school use and cuts lumber on shares for some of the families in the community.

The location of a commercial development in the Crescent such as a small boat harbor, would seriously threaten the future of the College. In fact, according to Mr. Chris Crittenden the architect who is planning future lay-out and construction, a boat harbor might, to quote, "ruin the entire site entirely." You will recognize, therefore, with what concern we view the proposal for the Crescent.

It is our understanding that there are two possible alternative sites both of which have something in their favor. One is, we believe, in the direction of the present boat harbor where there is a more sheltered anchorage because of the islands to the west. The other site is, we understand, in Jamestown Bay where there is also a good anchorage and where the area has not developed sufficiently so that a boat harbor would create damage to existing installations. Furthermore, we believe that this site has the advantage of being nearer the proposed pulp mill and have been told that it is in a section which is bound to grow rapidly once the pulp mill is established.

We therefore request, in the name of the Board, that another site for the harbor be considered where there will be no possibility of damage to a well established institution, namely Sheldon Jackson Jr. College, which has already rendered signal service to Alaskan youth and should be of greater service in the years to come if free to develop as planned.

We are also writing Mr. Lyman of the City Council and Mr. Cousen of the Sitka Planning Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon H. Tribus
Legal Counsel

Katherine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

KEG:bc
cc: Mr. Wurster
Dr. Armstrong
Mr. Crittenden

Mr. Tribus
blind cc: Mr. Wurster

June 20, 1955

CAW

Mr. George Heaney, Chairman
Nike Planning Commission
Nike, Alaska

My dear Mr. Heaney:

We are writing relative to the small boat harbor proposal for Nike about which we have learned recently through Mr. Roland T. Worster, President of Sheldon Jackson Jr. College.

May we say first of all that we both have visited Nike and are well acquainted with the community and that we realize that the present boat harbor is crowded and that additional space is seriously needed. We know that the city is growing and are entirely in sympathy with the very natural desire to secure expanded facilities. At the same time, we feel that when a new boat harbor is provided, it is important that it be located in a place where the growth of all aspects of the city's life will not be hindered, including the expansion of the Board's institution, Sheldon Jackson Jr. College.

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We are also writing Mr. Wynn of the City Council and Mr. Autry of the Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely yours,

Lydia H. Tribus
Legal Counsel

Katherine E. Chadwick
Secretary, Department of
National and Natural Work

KEC:bc
cc: Mr. Wurster
Mr. Armstrong
Mr. Crittenden

Mr. Tribus
Blind cc: Mr. Wurster

Law

June 20, 1955

Mr. Robert Wyman, Chairman
Boat Harbor Committee
Sitka City Council
Sitka, Alaska

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Sincerely yours,

Lucien H. Tribus
Legal Counsel

Katherine M. Cladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

KMC:tc
cc: Mr. Wurster
Dr. Armstrong
Mr. Crittenden

Mr. Tribus
Blind cc: Mr. Wurster

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June 29, 1955

My dear Mr. Wurster:

We are sending two copies of the letters to Mr. Ashby, Mr. Beacon and Mr. Wyman about the small boat harbor so that you will have one copy of each letter for Governor Heintzleman.

It seems well to keep him informed of what we are doing. Also, since you wrote him and had a sympathetic reply, there will be less risk of any involvement for him if you share the letters than if we do.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

Mr. Roland Wurster
Sheldon Jackson Junior College
Sitka, Alaska

KEG:cmh

cc: Dr. Armstrong

Haines House
Haines, Alaska
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June 29,1955

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~~Rev. Donald A. Schwab, Director~~

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

Thank you for the copy of your June 22 letter to Burke Riley regarding the small boat harbor. Mr. Lewis resigned his position previous to Miss Goddard's visit here so it will not be necessary for me to share the information with him. Mr. Thomas Ward is now acting mayor.

Sincerely yours,

Allan H. Frank

AHF:em

Allan H. Frank, Executive

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June 30, 1955

Colonel Carl Y. Farrell
Office of the District Engineers
Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Colonel Farrell:

We have received your letter of June 22 answering ours relative to the proposed small boat harbor at Sitka, Alaska.

Since this proposal came to our attention just recently, we are glad to have your statement about the situation and the relationship to it of the Corps of Engineers. Needless to say, we regret greatly that the proposal did not come to our attention sooner so that we might have registered our feeling about the very serious disadvantage which it might be to our Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

If you saw the college while you were in Sitka you know that most of the main buildings were erected some years ago. Mr. Crittenden, our architect, assures us however that they are still sound, and we have made a number of recent additions to the facilities and are planning further expansion in the near future. All told our investment in terms of replacement at present building costs would undoubtedly be in the neighborhood of $2,000,000, so we are sure you will understand why we question a commercial development which could have so many unfavorable concomitants being placed so near an educational institution.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Cladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

KEC:sd
cc: Mr. Wurster
Mr. Armstrong
Mr. Crittenden

7/20

Sitka Boat Harbor

June 30, 1955

My dear Mr. Wurster:

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Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

Mr. Roland B. Wurster
Sheldon Jackson Junior College
Sitka, Alaska

KEG:md
Encs.

Sitka

Alternate location

Appropriation (?)

Specific layout and plans

Sh. J. use of beachfront and area

Spillway
Oil intake
Hauling logs
} Continuous use since 1878

Zoning (?)

Hanes

Alternate location

Specific layout and plans

Zoning (?)

Appropriation (?)

General

Where secure information already?

Where register any judgment?

Who makes final decisions?

Mr. Tribus
Miss Gladfelter

July 1, 1955

This is to quote the latest communication from Haines relative to the small boat harbor. The letter comes from Mr. Ward, the Acting Mayor, since Mr. Lewis with whom we have been corresponding has resigned.

> "After reviewing recent correspondence concerning a proposed boat harbor for Haines, the Common Council has directed that condemnation proceedings be started against a strip of beach front necessary for access to said project. The land sought lies immediately in front of the Mission area and, while original patent has not been seen, is generally considered to be Mission property.
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> In the thought that such proceedings may be avoided, however, the Council has suggested that one further effort be made to interest the Board in putting a price on the land."

I am delaying answering this letter until Mr. Locke, you and I can talk about it early next week. I hope that before our conference you can run through the recent correspondence about this project and in particular, refer to Mr. Armstrong's letter to Mr. Frank of May 4, 1955, copies of which were sent to you and to our office. This is especially important because Dr. Armstrong reports interviews with representatives of Alaska Public Works which indicate that as far as the Territory is concerned,"the Haines House site is virtually out."

Katharine E. Gladfelter

KEG:tc

July 6, 1955

Mr. Thomas A. Ward
Acting Mayor
Haines Common Council
Box 139
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Ward:

In case you have not seen our letters of June 9 and June 15 to Mr. Lewis, former Mayor of Haines, I am enclosing copies for your information.

In the letter of June 9 we referred to the questions which had been raised by the Board relative to the proposed small boat harbor, and to the surveys which we understood had been made by Territorial and Governmental representatives, but which were not then available to the Board, and stated that on the basis of the limited facts before the Board, the Board had decided not to sell the beach front property of Haines House.

This decision still stands as the Board will not meet again before the end of September. However, since there is such a marked divergence between our impressions relative to the likelihood of a small boat harbor materializing and the action of the City Council favoring condemnation that we have requested Mr. Lucien Tribus, the Board's Legal Counsel, to visit Juneau and Haines later this month to secure all information available.

Mr. Tribus will be in touch with Mr. Frank of Haines House about plans for his visit. In the meantime, this letter will answer yours of June 25.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine A. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

KAG:sd
Encs.
cc: Mr. Frank
Dr. Armstrong
Mr. Tribus

Mr. Lucian H. Tribus
Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
Haines boat harbor

July 7, 1955

In going through our file of most recent correspondence about the Haines boat harbor I see that you have copies of most of the communications.

There are however a few I am not sure of and so I have marked these with a clip on the side and am sending herewith the complete file. If you need copies of some or all of the items which are marked let me know as soon as possible and we will have them made for you.

Please return the file intact when you reply.

Katharine E. Gladfelter

KEG:cmh

CITY of SITKA, Sitka, Alaska

Sitka Chamber of Commerce

SITKA, ALASKA

July 9, 1955

Katharine E. Gladfelter,
Secy. Dept. of Education and Medical Work,
Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 10, New York

Dear Madam:

We have your recent letter written in regards to the Boat Harbor which is being planned for the Crescent area.

Naturally your interest in this project is vital, and we appreciate your writing us.

The group decided to turn this matter over to the Boat Harbor Committee of the Sitka Chamber of Commerce. It is the Chamber of Commerce that has done all the work towards attaining the Boat Harbor and they have all details on this project at their finger tips.

Thank you kindly.

Yours very truly,

Secy. Sitka Planning Commission

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Sitka
SITKA
Russian Cemetary
National Cemetary
Community House
Indian Village
BELFRY
Russian Cathedral
SPIRE
Pioneers' Home
Mt. Edgecumbe School
Orthopedic and Tuberculosis Center
Baranof Castle
Harbor I.
Sheldon Jackson Junior College
Museum
Sitka National Monument
To Ski Club
Swan Lake
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Pt Canoe
Pt Turnbull
Tukuts Pt
Beaver Pt
Shelikof B
Pt Amelia
Pt Mary
Cape Georgiana
Cape Edgecumbe
Salisbury Sound
Khaz I
Khaz Pt
Khaschef I
Pt Lee
Deep Bay
Deep Inlet
Nelson Pt
Nelson Bay
Double Lake
Red Bluff Bay
Crawfish Inlet
Necker Bay
Whale Bay
Sandy Bay
Snipe Bay
Necker Is
Bjorka I
Kalinin B
Kalinin Pt
Kalinin Bay
Warm Spring B
Cascade B
Cascade Pt
Nakwasina Pass
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Halibut I
Kreta B
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Redoubt Rk
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Redoubt Point
Redoubt Island
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Haines Common Council

Haines, Alaska

July 12, 1955

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
Board of National Missions of
The Presbyterian Church in
The United States of America

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

Thank you for your letter of July 6th.

As a member of the Common Council I had earlier seen copies of the enclosures which accompanied your letter.

Very truly yours,

Thomas A. Ward

Acting Mayor

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

9/16

TO Dept.of Educational & Medical Work-Miss Gladfelter

FROM Mr. Lucien H. Tribus DATE July 15, 1955

RE: Haines Boat Harbor - Alaska

Thank you for sending me your Haines boat harbor correspondence with your memorandum of July 7, 1955. I am returning your file herewith.

Lucien H. Tribus

Lucien H. Tribus
Legal Counsel

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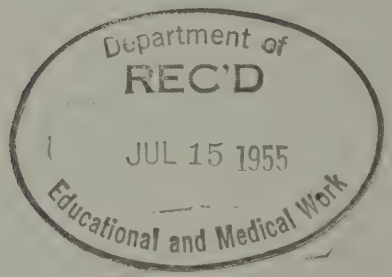
Attach.



City of Sitka

ALASKA

15 July 1955

Katherine E. Gladfelter, Secretary,
Department of Educaional and Medical Work
Board of National Missinns of the Presbyterian Church
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, 10, New York

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

Your recent letter to Mr. Wyman voicing objection to construction of a small boat harbor in the Crescent has been read to and considered by the Council.

We feel that the disadvantages to Sheldon Jackson are somewhat exagerated and without foundation. There is no reason to believe that a small boat harbor would not be an asset to that part of town--in many cases this has been found to be true. The City itself is interested in preserving the beauty of the Crescent and fully intends to police and maintain the harbor to that end.

Particularly, since the Park Reserves along the Crescent are to be preserved for park purposes there is no reason to believe that commercial ventures of any sort would establish themselves in that area. Owners of residences on Lincoln Street are equally as interested as you that the value and beauty of their property not deteriorate. With retaining of the Park Reserves they have voiced no objections and feel that the small boat harbor as presently planned will do them no damage.

I believe that the plans of the Corps of Engineers have taken into consideration the school and allowances have been made for its operations. I do not believe that the spillway, access for oil installation or log haul for the saw mill would in any way be interefered with.

I believe that Mr. Fred Van Horn while in Washington recently talked with Dr. Jackman and was told by him that the Board had no objections to the Crescent site. We are therefor somewhat surprised at a reversal of this opinion.

We are told by the Corps of Engineers that they prefer the Crescent site for engineering reasons and are not seriously

considering any other.

Mr. Wurster tells us that Mr. Tribus will be in Sitka next week. We will be glad to meet with him and hope to be able to make assurances that will make it possible for your group to reconsider your objections.

Very truly yours,

John H. Van Horn

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Mayor

cc: Mr. Wurster

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July 18, 1935

My dear Mr. Wurster:
Mr. Tribus:
Dr. Armstrong:
Mr. Crittenden:

The following reply relative to the proposed boat harbor for Sitka has just been received from the Secretary of the Sitka Planning Commission. The signature looks like Irene M. Franklin and the note evidently answers our letter of June 28 to Mr. George Beacon, Chairman of the Commission, a copy of which was sent you:

"We have your recent letter written in regards to the Boat Harbor which is being planned for the Crescent area.

Naturally your interest in this project is vital and we appreciate your writing us.

The group decided to turn this matter over to the Boat Harbor Committee of the Sitka Chamber of Commerce. It is the Chamber of Commerce that has done all the work towards attaining the Boat Harbor and they have all details on this project at their finger tips.

Thank you kindly."

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

July 25, 1955

Mr. John H. VanHorn, Mayor
City of Sitka
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Mr. VanHorn:

Miss Gladfelter has referred to me your letter of the 15th of July regarding the objections of the Board of National Missions to the construction of a small boat harbor in the Crescent in front of the campus of Sheldon Jackson Junior College. In that letter you have the following paragraph:

> "I believe that Mr. Fred VanHorn, while in Washington recently, talked with Dr. Jackman and was told by him that the Board had no objections to the Crescent site. We are, therefore, somewhat surprised at a reversal of this opinion."

This letter from me is written to clear up the content of this paragraph.

When definite information came to the offices of the Board of National Missions about the plans to construct a small boat harbor in the Crescent area, it was decided that I should call Mr. Bartlett and voice the objection of the administrators of the Board to this project. During this conversation Mr. Fred VanHorn also came to the telephone and we had a three-way conversation. In this conversation by way of information, Mr. VanHorn pointed out that the President of Sheldon Jackson Junior College had testified some ten years ago in favor of the construction of a small boat harbor on this site. My reply to that was that if he had officially testified in behalf of the Board in favor of it then I could voice to objection to it. Following that conversation a search was made of the records here but nothing can be found which would show that the President of the school had the authority of the Board to testify in favor of the site. Whatever statement was made was expressed as a personal consideration.

All maters concerning the purchase, sale and easement of properties belonging to the Board of National Missions are valid only when passed by the Board as a corporation. No record can be found here that the Board has taken a favorable action toward the construction of a small boat harbor in front of the Board's property.

I, personally, would like to see Sitka get a small boat harbor but I believe it would be detrimental to the best interests of the school and to Sitka in the future if it were to be placed at the Crescent site.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:bc

CC: Mr. Fred VanHorn
Mr. E. L. Bartlett
Dr. R. R. Armstrong
Miss K. Gladfelter

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL WORK

JULY 27, 1955

MR. LUCIAN TRIBUS
C/O HAINES HOUSE
HAINES, ALASKA

RE: HAINES BOAT HARBOR

MORSE, SHARP AND OUR OFFICE AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATION LEASE TERMS YOUR TELEPHONE REPORT.

THIS FINAL.

KATHARINE E. GLADFELTER

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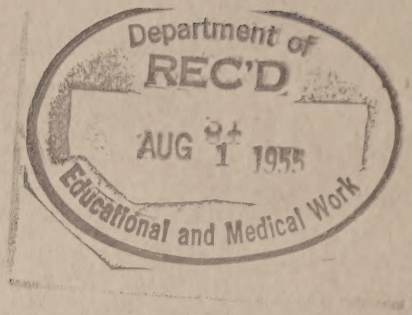

Board of National Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Attention: Miss Catherine Gladfelter

Re: Small Boat Harbor, Haines, Alaska

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

I am pleased to report that after a rather long period of negotiation, we have been able to formulate a lease and option for execution by the Board and the Town of Haines in connection with the above captioned matter. The lease and option are being mailed to my office and should arrive within a few days. I will contact you on my return so that we may go over the document which entails ten pages. I believe that all things considered the lease is a fair one but there are a number of points which I can clear with you orally on my return. On my return to Juneau I went over the lease very carefully with Mr. Norman Banfield who was of the opinion that it was well drawn and he had no objections to the phraseology.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Lucien H. Tacher

For a while after 3 days & nights of negotiation I thought the entire matter would fail and result in litigation.